

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-8. Claims 9, 10 and 14-21 have been objected to due to informalities. Appropriate corrections have been made. No new matter has been added.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to applicants' representative during a telephone interview on April 26, 2007. The interview focused on a proposed amendment to claim 9 that would overcome the outstanding objection. Accordingly, claim 9 has been amended. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, on page 6 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

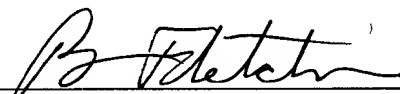
In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants solicit early action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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